

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 899

By Hardaway

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Linkwood Williams of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Linkwood Williams; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams served his country as a Civilian Flight Instructor at Tuskegee Army Air Field during World War II; his name graces a collection in the Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Dr. Williams spent his career tirelessly serving his patients as a physician before his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams was an active and devout member of the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Linkwood Williams was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Katie Whitney Williams; he is further survived by his daughter, Karen Williams Lee; his foster daughter Jessie M. Payne; his son Galen Williams and wife, Greta; his son Mark Williams; and his four grandchildren; an

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Elbert and Bessie McNeal Williams; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Linkwood Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Linkwood Williams, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.